The MECA Literacy
Program works with early
childhood professionals in
Milwaukee County.

Our focus is early literacy.

Our goal is quality child care.



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These services are available through the Literacy Program:

- Reading Workshops
- On-site Literacy home visits for Milwaukee County Certified providers
- Resources and information on early literacy
- Financial literacy workshops
- Post secondary education information
- Computerized self-paced learning tool with information on the child care profession

The goal of the Literacy Program:

It is the goal of the Child Care Literacy Program to improve literacy training and on-site technical assistance to Milwaukee County child care providers, which in turn will help them improve quality in their child care settings.

Another goal of the program is to enable providers to create an environment which promotes school readiness.

The vision of the Literacy Program:

It is the vision of the literacy program that children in child care will be prepared for success in school and in life.

About MECA

MECA's mission is to promote excellence in early childhood care and education in Milwaukee County. Access to affordable, high-quality child care enhances children's development and a family's ability to work. Our staff works closely with the community to train, certify, and monitor family child care providers; promote the Wisconsin Shares program; and maintain the integrity of child care in Milwaukee County.

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